

# Finding of No Significant Impact

## Red Rock Fire Station and Campground Wells

DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2012-0009-EA

I have reviewed Environmental Assessment (EA) DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2012-0009-EA[Date of EA]. After consideration of the environmental effects as described in the EA, and incorporated herein, I have determined that the proposed action identified in the EA will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required to be prepared.

I have the proposed action is in conformance with the approved 1998 Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area General Management Plan (GMP) signed in 2005, and is consistent with applicable plans and policies of county, state, tribal and Federal agencies. This finding and conclusion is based on my consideration of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) criteria for significance (40 CFR 1508.27), both with regard to the context and the intensity of impacts described in the EA.

### Context:

The lands proposed for the installation of wells are managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The land houses Red Rock Fire Station and Law Enforcement Building, and Red Rock Campground. This action conforms to Recreation and Visual Resource Management (VRM) as stated in the 1998 Las Vegas RMP and the 2005 Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area GMP.

### Intensity:

1. *Impacts that may be both beneficial and adverse.*

The EA has considered both the beneficial and adverse impacts of the Proposed Action. There will be substantial benefits to the Fire Station, Campground, and the Southern Nevada District by the provision of a stable water source to the employees and visitors recreating in Red Rock Canyon. Installation of a new tank at the campground may impact visual resources, however this impact is expected to be negligible. Potential adverse impacts to wildlife, migratory birds, and T&E species have been considered and are expected to be negligible by following minimization measures.

2. *The degree to which the proposed action affects public health or safety.*

During construction, the project could create dust and particulate matter in the immediate vicinity; however, limited amount of ground disturbance should minimize impacts, water trucks will be used to keep dust to a minimum. If construction takes place while the campground is open mitigation measure must be followed to help mitigate visitors to the campground from being impacted by the Proposed Action.

3. *Unique characteristics of the geographic area such as proximity to historic or cultural resources, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.*

The project is taking place in Desert Tortoise habitat by using existing road and trails for new pipe routes ground disturbance will be minimized. Mitigation measures will be followed to help minimize adverse impacts to Desert Tortoise.

4. *The degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be controversial.*

There will be no effects to the human environment that are likely to be controversial.

5. *The degree to which the possible effects on the human environment are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.*

No unique or unknown risks are expected to effect the human environment. Little uncertainty exists with this project.

6. *The degree to which the action may establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represents a decision in principle about a future consideration.*

The Proposed Action is being completed within existing authorities, policies, and regulations and does not establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects.

7. *Whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts.*

No significant cumulative impacts were identified in the EA.

8. *The degree to which the action may adversely affect districts, sites, highways, structures, or objects listed in or eligible for listing in the NRHP or may cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources.*

No adverse effects to NRHP eligible sites or structures, or to any scientific, cultural or historical resources are expected from the Proposed Action.

9. *The degree to which the action may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical under the ESA of 1973.*

Potential impact to threatened species will be minimal during the construction phases of this project. Impacts will be further reduced by following minimization measures identified in the EA, chapter 4, environmental effects and in the Biological Opinion. In addition, drilling or construction of any type will not commence, at the campground, until the Red Rock NCA Programmatic Biological Opinion is Appended.

10. *Whether the action threatens a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.*

The Proposed Action conforms with all Federal, State, and Local laws and requirements for environmental protection.

**Signed:**

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